



St. Charles Parish

Meeting Minutes

Parish Council

St. Charles Parish
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Final

Council Chairman Julia Fisher-Perrier
Councilmembers Wendy Benedetto, Paul J. Hogan,
Terrell D. Wilson, Mary K. Clulee, Dick Gibbs,
William Billy Woodruff, Marilyn B. Bellock, Traci A. Fletcher

Monday, September 9, 2019

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Courthouse

ATTENDANCE

Present 9 - Wendy Benedetto, Paul J. Hogan, Terrell D. Wilson, Mary K. Clulee, John R. 'Dick' Gibbs, William Woodruff, Marilyn B. Bellock, Traci A. Fletcher, and Julia Fisher-Perrier

Also Present

Parish President Larry Cochran, Legal Services Director Robert Raymond, Executive Director Darrin Duhe, Executive Director Dwayne LaGrange, Finance Director Grant Dussom, Public Works/Wastewater Director Clayton Faucheux, Senior Projects Manager Sam Scholle, Planning & Zoning Director Michael Albert, Earl Matherne, Planning Administrator, Emergency Preparedness Director Joe Ganote, Parks and Recreation Director Duane Foret, Interim R.S.V.P. Director Jeannie Arabie, Justin Robert, Public Information Office

CALL TO ORDER

PRAYER

Lisa Jones, Recording Secretary
Daughters of the American Revolution

PLEDGE

Sheila Curry, Executive Board
Daughters of the American Revolution

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Gibbs, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of August 19, 2019. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

SPECIAL BUSINESS (PROCLAMATIONS, CANVASS RETURNS, ETC.)

[2019-0258](#)

Proclamation: "Constitution Week"

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran

Read

[2019-0259](#)

In Recognition: Armond Bourque, St. Charles Parish Communications District

Sponsors: Mr. Wilson

Read

[2019-0260](#)

In Recognition: Abby Renee Rochelle, Miss St. Charles Parish Festival Queen LXI

Sponsors: Ms. Fletcher

Read

[2019-0261](#)

In Recognition: Quincy Lee Hymel, Teen St. Charles Parish Festival Queen XXIV

Sponsors: Mr. Gibbs

Read

[2019-0262](#)

In Recognition: London Bryce Lee, Jr. Miss St. Charles Parish Festival Queen II

Sponsors: Ms. Benedetto

Read

[2019-0266](#)

In Recognition: 2019 - 8-Year Old District I Champions and Louisiana Cal Ripken State Champions

Sponsors: Ms. Fisher-Perrier

Read

[2019-0263](#)

Proclamation: "National Child Passenger Safety Week" and "National Seat Check Saturday"

Sponsors: Mr. Wilson

Read

[2019-0257](#)

Local Board of Review - 2019 Assessment - Regular Meeting, September 23, 2019, 6PM, Council Chambers, Courthouse

Sponsors: Ms. Fisher-Perrier

September 10 - 25, Parish Council Review Period

Announced

SPECIAL MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL

[2019-0269](#)

Executive Session: 29th JDC No. 84,389-D - St. Charles Parish vs. Aegis, et al

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Legal Services

A motion was made by Councilmember Clulee, seconded by Councilmember Woodruff, to deviate from the regular order of the agenda to take up File No. 2019-0269. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Public comment opened on the deviation; no public comment

Deviated

A motion was made by Councilmember Benedetto, seconded by Councilmember Gibbs, to go into Executive Session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Chairman Fisher-Perrier announced that all Councilmembers, Mr. Brett Bolinger, Attorney representing St. Charles Parish, Emergency Preparedness Director Joe Ganote, and Jason Tastet, Emergency Preparedness Department, will be in Executive Session.

Heard in Executive Session

Chairman Fisher-Perrier stated that File No. 2019-0269 29th JDC No. 84,389-D - St. Charles Parish vs. Aegis, et al, was discussed in Executive Session.

A motion was made by Councilmember Benedetto, seconded by Councilmember Clulee, to return to the regular order of the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Returned

REPORTS (FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES)

[2019-0274](#)

Vice President Sreeni Bollu, Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc. - Sunset Levee Improvements

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Chief Administrative Officer

Mr. Sreeni Bollu, Vice-President, Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc.
Mr. O'Neil Malbrough, Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc.

Councilman Hogan spoke on the matter.
Mr. Malbrough spoke on the matter.
Councilwoman Clulee spoke on the matter.
Chairman Fisher-Perrier spoke on the matter.
Parish President Larry Cochran spoke on the matter.
Councilman Woodruff spoke on the matter.

Reported

[2019-0270](#)

German Coast Farmers' Market

Ms. Ann Montgomery, German Coast Farmers' Market President

Councilwoman Clulee spoke on the matter.
Ms. Montgomery spoke on the matter.

Reported

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE IV, SECTION B OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, CHAIRMAN FISHER-PERRIER AUTHORIZED THAT THE ORDINANCES, HAVING BEEN PRESENTED FOR INTRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTED TO COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT, AND NOT REJECTED BY TWO-THIRDS OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS, ARE TO BE PUBLISHED IN SUMMARY FORM AS FOLLOWS IN THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL WITH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2019, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURTHOUSE, HAHNVILLE, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

[2019-0264](#)

An ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances to revise Chapter 15, Section 15-9, to provide an exception to the Twenty-five (25) Miles Per Hour Speed Limit, to lower the speed limit on **Julie Street in Paradis to fifteen (15) miles per hour.**

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on September 23, 2019

[2019-0265](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a construction contract with Baker Pile Driving & Site Work, LLC for Dunleith Bank Stabilization - Phase VIII, in the amount of \$1,596,197.00 (Parish Project No. P081102-9).

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Public Works

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on September 23, 2019

[2019-0275](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of a Contract with Williams Contractors & Construction Services, LLC, of Laplace, LA., for the addition to the Killona Community Center located at 201 A Hwy 3141, Killona, LA. in the amount of \$224,600.00.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and General Government Buildings

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on September 23, 2019

[2019-0276](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of an Engineering Services Contract with AIMS Group, Inc. for the design of Parish Project No. S190901, Destrehan WWTP UV Replacement.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Wastewater

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on September 23, 2019

[2019-0277](#)

An ordinance to approve and authorize the execution of an Engineering Services Contract with Shread-Kuyrkendall & Associates, Inc. for the design of Parish Project No. P190201, Lakewood Drive Reconstruction.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran and Department of Public Works

Publish/Scheduled for Public Hearing to the Parish Council on September 23, 2019

**ORDINANCES SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING
(INTRODUCED AT PREVIOUS MEETING)**

[2019-0248](#)

An ordinance of the Parish of St. Charles providing that the Code of Ordinances, Parish of St. Charles, be amended by revising Section 15-5, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, of said Code, to provide for the installation of a “**NO PARKING**” sign on both sides of the entrance to Bethany Drive along East Heather Drive across from Lakewood Elementary School in Luling.

Sponsors: Ms. Fisher-Perrier

Reported:

Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier Recommended: Approval

Public Hearing Requirements Satisfied

Enactment No: 19-9-1

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Yea: 9 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 19-9-1

RESOLUTIONS

[2019-0271](#)

A resolution authorizing the Council Secretary to forward an offer of objection and request an extension of time to allow for a review and take action on public notices received from State and/or Federal Regulatory Agencies when time constraints do not allow for Committee and/or public review prior to the original published deadline set by said Agencies.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran, Coastal Zone Management Section, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Fletcher and Ms. Fisher-Perrier

Reported:

- CZM Section Recommended: Approval
 - Councilman Hogan Recommended: Approval
 - Councilman Wilson Recommended: Approval
 - Councilwoman Fletcher Recommended: Approval
 - Councilwoman Fisher-Perrier Recommended: Approval
- Mr. Earl Matherne, Planning Administrator, spoke on the matter.

Public comment opened; no public comment

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Yea: 9 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6434

[2019-0272](#)

A resolution approving and authorizing the application to the Corporation for National and Community Services (CNCS) for FY 2020 Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP) Competition funding in the amount of \$62,400 for the River Parishes RSVP.

Sponsors: Mr. Cochran, Retired Senior Volunteer Program and Grants Office

Reported:

- Retired Senior Volunteer Program Recommended: Approval
 - Grants Office Recommended: Approval
- Executive Director Dwayne LaGrange spoke on the matter.

Public comment opened; no public comment

VOTE ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Yea: 9 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6435

[2019-0273](#)

A resolution requesting that the Louisiana Attorney General provide an Opinion with regards to the power and authority which the St. Charles Parish Administration and Governing Authority may or may not have with respect to removing trees that are situated within a publicly recorded dedicated drainage servitude located on private property.

Sponsors: Mr. Hogan

Reported:

Councilman Hogan Recommended: Approval

Public comment opened

Mr. Victor Buccola, Destrehan

A motion was made by Councilmember Benedetto, seconded by Councilmember Woodruff, to extend Mr. Buccola's time an additional three minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Time Extended

Council Discussion

Legal Services Director Robert Raymond spoke on the matter.

Public Works/Wastewater Director Clayton Fauchoux spoke on the matter.

Proposed resolution failed for lack of a majority by the following vote:

Yea: 1 - Hogan

Nay: 8 - Benedetto, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Failed

APPOINTMENTS

[2019-0187](#)

A resolution to appoint Mr. Randy D. Matherne to the St. Charles Parish Library Board of Control as the District IV Representative.

VOTE ON THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. RANDY D. MATHERNE

Yea: 9 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Enactment No: 6436

[2019-0255](#)

A resolution to appoint a member to The Industrial Development Board of the Parish of St. Charles.

Councilwoman Benedetto nominated Mr. Jeffery Lemoine

Nomination(s) Accepted

A motion was made by Councilmember Benedetto, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, to Close Nomination(s) for File No. 2019-0255. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Nomination(s) Closed

[2019-0256](#)

A resolution to appoint a member to The Industrial Development Board of the Parish of St. Charles.

Deferred

[2019-0267](#)

Accept resignation of Ms. Julia Fisher-Perrier - South Central Planning & Development Commission

Resignation Accepted by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 0

Resignation Accepted

[2019-0268](#)

Accept resignation of Ms. Wendy Benedetto - South Central Planning & Development Commission

Resignation Accepted by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier

Nay: 1 - Gibbs

Resignation Accepted

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Benedetto, seconded by Councilmember Wilson, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:31 pm. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Yea:** 9 - Benedetto, Hogan, Wilson, Clulee, Gibbs, Woodruff, Bellock, Fletcher and Fisher-Perrier
- Nay:** 0

I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING TO BE EXACT AND TRUE.

Michelle Impastato
Council Secretary